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Docket No.: 102323-0061  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Bryan D. Marietta et al.

Application No.: 09/758,949

Group Art Unit: 2661

Filed: January 11, 2001

Examiner: B. D. Nguyen

For: DIGITAL DATA SYSTEM WITH LINK  
LEVEL MESSAGE FLOW CONTROL

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following items for filing in connection with the above-referenced Patent Application:

1. Comments on Statements of Reasons for Allowance (1 page);
2. Fee Transmittal (1 page);
3. Part B - Fee Transmittal (1 page);
4. Transmittal of Drawing Correction (1 page);
5. Formal Drawings (4 pages); and
6. Postcard (in duplicate).

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which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 141449, under Order No. 102323-0061.

Dated: 2/3/06

Respectfully submitted,

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS  
FOR ALLOWANCE**

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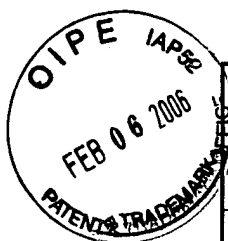
In response to the Notice of Allowability mailed November 3, 2005, the Applicant neither adopts nor rejects the reasons for allowance stated by the Examiner.

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<b>Effective on 12/08/2004.</b> Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).		<b>Complete if Known</b>	
<b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> <b>For FY 2005</b>		Application Number	09/758,949-Conf. #9640
		Filing Date	January 11, 2001
		First Named Inventor	Bryan D. Marietta
		Examiner Name	B. D. Nguyen
		Art Unit	2661
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Attorney Docket No.	102323-0061
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**FEE CALCULATION**

**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>
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<u>Indep. Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee Paid (\$)</u>			
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**3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE**

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

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**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

	<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)	
Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 1501 Utility issue fee	1,400.00
8001 Printed copy of patent w/o color	30.00

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<b>Fee Transmittal</b>	
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**TRANSMITTAL OF DRAWING CORRECTION**

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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is one set (four sheets, thirteen figures) of corrected drawings for filing in the above-identified patent application.

In response to the requirements set forth in the Notice of Allowability mailed November 3, 2005, and further to the Examiner's objections to the drawings for reasons stated in the Office Action (Paper No. 06272005) dated July 8, 2005, we enclose formal drawings. Specifically, the text size in all of the drawings was too small. The enclosed new drawings correct these informalities.

Favorable consideration of the enclosed drawings is respectfully requested.

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